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SUBJECT: SS ALEX STEPHENS

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B. STATE 000038

1. SS ALEX STEPHENS COMPLETED UNLOADING CD BISCUITS
AND DEPARTED MOGADISCIO AT APPROXIMATELY 2350 HOURS
LOCAL ON DECEMBER 31.

2. FOLLOWING IS RESUME OF UNLOADING SCHEDULE BASED
ON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SHIP'S CAPTAIN AND MATE,
AS WELL AS SOMALI PORT AUTHORITIES.

A. TIME OF ARRIVAL MOGADISCIO: DEC. 25 AT 1717 HOURS LOCAL.

B. TIME FIRST GANG REPORTED ABROAD: DEC. 25 AT 1800 HOURS LOCAL.

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C. NUMBER OF GANGS: ONE--COMPOSED OF THIRTY-TWO MEN.

D. NUMBER OF SHIP'S HOLDS CONTAINING CD BISCUITS: SIX (1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5).

E. NUMBER OF LIGHTERS AVAILABLE DAILY: TWO TO FOUR.

F. FIRST HATCHES OPENED: TWO ON DEC. 25 AT 20000 HOURS.

G. DAILY WORK SCHEDULE (LOCAL TIME);

S	BEGAN	ENDED	
DEC. 25	2000	2330	2 LIGHTERS
DEC. 25	0800	2150	9 LIGHTERS
DEC. 27	0800	2400	11 LIGHTERS
DEC. 28	0800	2210	11 LIGHTERS
DEC. 29	0725	2255	8 LIGHTERS
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92140	' 7 LIGHTERS		
DEC. 31	0800	2200	--

H. HATCH COMPLETION:

ONE	DEC. 31	--
TWO	DEC. 26	1405 HOURS
THREE	DEC. 31	--
FOUR A	DEC. 29	2115
FOUR B	DEC. 29	2230
FIVE	DEC. 29	1740

I. TIME OF DEPARTURE: DEC. 31--2350 HOURS.

3. COMMENT: COMMENCEMENT OF UNLOADING ON DEC. 25 WAS DELAYED SEVERAL HOURS BECAUSE OF EVACUATION FROM SHIP IN ROUGH SEAS OF ILL SEAMAN WHO APPARENTLY HAD SUFFERED CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE (HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DISCHARGED FROM SHIP). ALTHOUGH PORT AUTHORITIES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS INDICATED WORK CREWS AND LIGHTERS WOULD WORK THROUGH THE NIGHT, WE UNDERSTAND SHORTAGE OF CREWS PREVENTED THIS--PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF VOLUME OF TRAFFIC IN PORT. SOME OF OTHER SHIPS WERE ALSO CARRYING URGENT DROUGHT RELIEF CARGO (I.E., FLOUR AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MAIZE). SS ALEX STEPHENS WAS ANCHORED IN OPEN ROAD-STEAD WITH STRONG MONSOON WINDS BLOWING AND SEAS WERE ROUGH AT ALL TIMES. THIS NECESSARILY SLOWED DOWN PACE OF OPERATION, AS DID FACT BISCUITS RELATIVELY BULKY. DURING THIS PERIOD, PORT FACILITIES WERE VIRTUALLY TAXED TO LIMIT AND, ON BALANCE, WE BELIEVE BOTH SOMALI SHIPPING AGENCY AND PORT AUTHORITIES DID CREDIBLE JOB IN SPEEDING UNLOADING.

4. FURTHERMORE, GSDR HAS MADE REAL EFFORT TO GET
BISCUITS FROM PORT TO NEEDY AREAS. WE UNDERSTAND SOME
BISCUITS HAVE ALREADY REACHED DROUGHT-AFFECTED AREAS OF
NUGAAL AND HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED THERE.

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